

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

INTERIM COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, September 15, 1978

Present: R.E. Wall, M. Osborne, W. Akin, J. Bhatnagar, R. Breen, M. Brian W. Byers, S. Casey, M. Cohen, C. Davis, S. Dubas, M. Euvrard - observer, H. Habib, D. Haccoun, G. Galler, P. Garnet, S. Mullett, J. Kornblatt, B. Sahni, J. Macaluso, G. Newsham, B. Petrie - observer, J. Princz, J. Sewell, R. Tittler, J. Tresierra, G. Trudel

Invited Guest: T. Adley

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chairman said that he would like to add to the agenda as item 5a the Report on the Working Conditions in the Library, and the Curriculum Committee's report as item 6a.

78-8-1

It was moved and seconded (Tresiera/Frost) to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Chairman explained that he would call for the approval of the minutes of May 16 only, since the minutes for the meeting of May 23 had not been circulated prior to the meeting. He added that the minutes for August 16th had been circulated at this time for information only since it had been an extraordinary meeting called to elect members to a committee to supervise elections.

78-8-2

It was moved and seconded (Habib/Byers) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 1978. CARRIED.

4. Chairman's Remarks

- a) The Chairman identified the new members of Council: Prof. Haccoun, Applied Social Science; Prof. Garnet, Theology; Prof. Trudel, Chemistry; Prof. Galler, representing Health Education, Library Studies, Andragogy and Journalism; Prof. Sahni, Economics; Prof. Habib who had been reappointed by his department (Political Science); and Joanne Sewell, a part-time student from the Sir George Williams Campus. Dr. Wall said that he hoped the remaining vacancies, French, Sociology and Anthropology, and student members would be elected at the next meeting.

- b) The Chairman gave notice of elections for positions on the Senate, Senate Library Committee, Senate Priorities and Resource Allocations Committee, and the Ph.D. Humanities Committee.
- c) He added that it would be necessary to elect members to the Student Request and Honours Committees but that he had had a request from the Assistant Dean, Student Affairs to strike an ad hoc committee to handle business at hand until the Committees are established, and suggested that the Asst. Dean be empowered to select academic advisors to work with her as a committee until the formal committees are elected.

78-8-3

It was moved and seconded (Macaluso/Davis) that the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) be empowered, on an ad hoc or interim basis, to select academic advisors to work as an ad hoc committee on Student Requests and Honours until the formal Committees have been elected.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

5. Elections

a) Steering Committee

Division I. Prof. Casey nominated Prof. Tittler, seconded by Prof. Tresierra. Prof. Tittler declined the nomination.

Prof. Byers nominated Prof. Brian, seconded by Prof. Newsham.

78-8-4

It was moved and seconded (Kornblatt/Byers) that nominations cease. CARRIED.

Prof. Brian was elected by acclamation.

Division II. Prof. Frost nominated Prof. Bhatnagar, seconded by Prof. Sahni

Prof. Kornblatt nominated Prof. Tresierra who declined the nomination.

78-8-5

It was moved and seconded (Trudel/Frost) to close nominations. CARRIED.

Prof. Bhatnagar was declared elected by acclamation.

Division III. Prof. Casey nominated Prof. Kornblatt who declined acceptance.

Dean Akin nominated Prof. Dubas, seconded by Prof. Trudel.

78-8-6

It was moved and seconded (Trudel/Tittler) that nominations cease. CARRIED.

Father Dubas was declared elected by acclamation.

The faculty members for 1978-79 are Prof. Brian, Division I; Prof. Bhatnagar, Division II; and Prof. Dubas, Division III. Dr. Wall said that he hoped that the student members would be elected at the next meeting.

5a. Report on the Working Conditions at the Vanier Library (ASC 78-8-D6)

Dr. Wall invited Dr. Tittler to present the report. Dr. Tittler outlined the grievances. Mr. Princz also reported on the situation.

78-8-7

It was moved and seconded (Tittler/Brian) to request Senate to take the matter of the working conditions in the Library under its concern and to request the Vice-Rector, Administration and the Director of Libraries to report to Senate on the negotiations in that area, and what steps could be taken to improve the working conditions during the summer.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

Prof. Brian asked that it be recorded in the minutes that the problem as it exists, is much wider than just that of the Vanier Library, for it applies to many offices on both campuses.

6. Calendar Entries

The Chairman invited Assistant Dean Adley to present the reports to Council.

A) Degree Requirements (Interim)(ASC 78-7-D2)

Prof. Adley indicated a number of amendments were to be made before commenting on the contents.

- a) The first sentence of the last paragraph on page one should read " . . . 24 credits in a single discipline or field . . . "
- b) On the third page of the document under (a) and (b) the number 48 should replace 60 and that sentence should end with "not counting the additional credits required in the extended credit-programmes."
- c) Under Arts and Science Credits, the first sentence should read "The departments of Psychology, Economics, Geography, Mathematics, the Health Education programmes, and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies"
- d) In the first line on page 5 the words "long term" should be deleted.
- e) Item 4 on page 4 should be deleted and item 5 changed to 4.

78-8-8

It was moved and seconded (Akin/Tresierra) to adopt the report as amended by Asst. Dean Adley.

It was agreed that the wording of the last sentence in the third paragraph should read " . . . a minimum of 45 hours including lectures, conferences . . ." and that the last phrase in the first paragraph on page 2 should be reworded to avoid confusion with the same word in the following paragraph.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

B) Structure of Studies - Mature Student Programme(ASC 78-7-D3)

Prof. Adley asked for a number of amendments to the document:

- a) to add to the Geography requirements under Pre-Arts: ^{Specific} Scientific Requirements: "(Honours and Specialization in Physical Geography)";
- b) that the statement regarding Modern Languages be deleted;
- c) to add C206³ to the list of 6 credits in Chemistry required under Pre-Science: General Requirements.

Prof. Byers asked that the note "Students not having Mathematics C201³ or the equivalent must take this course," appear under the requirements for Mathematics for Pre-Arts. It was so agreed.

78-8-9

It was moved and seconded (Brian/Casey) to approve the report on the Structure of Studies - Mature Student Programme as amended.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

6a. Curriculum Changes - Department of Physics (ASC 78-8-Doc. 3)

78-8-10

It was moved and seconded (Dubas/Tittler) to approve the curriculum changes in Physics.

Dean Adley gave a brief summary of the content of the document saying that the two former Honours programmes, one on each Campus, had now been combined to create a single Honours programme in three streams, General, Experimental and Theoretical and that the Specialization had undergone the same sort of treatment, following the Honours programme structure. He added that a single Major had evolved as well as a single Minor, but that the Certificates remain the same and that a uniform curriculum now exists on both campuses while still retaining courses unique to each campus.

Prof. Kornblatt requested that the Physics Department consider changing the title of Physics C216 but withdrew his request following a discussion on the topic.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

6b. Curriculum Report on Interdisciplinary Studies

Dean Adley gave a verbal report on courses in Interdisciplinary Studies which had been tabled at the May 23rd meeting pending the rationalization of the Interdisciplinary Studies programmes in the light of the changes which were taking place in the Department, which he said had now been done. He asked for approval of a new course Interdisciplinary Studies C380⁶ - The City and History, and Interdisciplinary Studies C481³ - Seminar in Urban Studies, as they appeared in document ASC-78-5-D6.

78-8-11 It was moved and seconded (Akin/Casey) to table the adoption of the changes in Interdisciplinary Studies, pending receipt of a written report.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED. (13/6)

7. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Supplemental Examinations (ASC 78-8-D1)

78-8-12 It was moved and seconded (Bhatnagar/Galler) to approve the report on supplemental examinations, specifically recommendations 1-4.

It was agreed that the first line of recommendation 1 should read "Supplemental examinations shall only be offered where, as a condition for passing the course, it is required that a student pass the final examination regardless of its weighting; or where the final examination contributes 50% or more of the final grade."

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

8. Next Meeting

October 13, 1978.

9. Adjournment

78-8-13 It was moved and seconded (Brian/Davis) to adjourn. CARRIED.

R.E. Wall, Chairman

M. Osborne, Secretary